

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
March 10, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 6:41 PM, Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at the Buena Vista Community Center, E. Main Street, Buena Vista, Colorado by Earl Richmond. Present members were Earl Richmond, Eric Gibb, Luke Urbine, Steve Plumb. Also present were Town Engineer Rachel Friedman, Town Administrator Sue Boyd and Recreation Director Erin Reavis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion #1 by Eric Gibb, seconded by Steve Plumb, to amend the minutes from February 10, 2010 to no longer identify the facilities spreadsheet as "facilities inventory".

AGENDA ADOPTION

Agenda was amended to add Comments from Board of Trustees Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A special interest group from the Rodeo Grounds made a presentation on the Buena Vista Rodeo Grounds Improvement Proposal. Barb Wind, along with approximately eight to ten others, brought a packet of information and a wealth of knowledge regarding what already exists, current conditions, and a "wish" list for the Rodeo Grounds. They discussed how the Town has budgeted \$500 per year for the Rodeo Grounds and is in charge of improvements. Trash cans used to be provided, but the Town has taken them away, leaving trash and debris all over. The people that use the facility are the ones that do the upkeep and they would like some help. The group had a list of 17 items which would help improve the Rodeo Grounds and also help generate more revenue during events held there and allowing additional events which require specific items including but not limited to maintenance, pens, stalls, restrooms, safe fencing. Eric Gibb suggested the group prioritize their list and include an itemized cost estimate and map out the Equestrian Area they are thinking about for the Master Plan Map. Earl Richmond suggested the group have a Volunteer Day like other groups do to clean up the desired location. Members of the group talked about how important the Rodeo Grounds are to our community, that not every town has a facility like this. There are organizations that would like Buena Vista to conduct large events here which would be multi-day events and potential revenue builders. Group members suggested that it is a historical site and could possibly get grant money for that and also the use of prison labor could help.

Board of Trustees Meeting Update – Earl Richmond spoke at the previous Board of Trustees meeting to get them up to speed as to where the Recreation Advisory Board is now, that the Board is building a parks master plan. Earl presented a handout of prioritized list of projects and felt it was well received.

Preliminary Discussion Re: Site Maps – The Board discussed the Highway 24 Corridor process and the Road bond. It was decided that our process may not be as extensive as those projects and don't need as much detail as those for the Master Plan. Sue Boyd discussed knowing what the final product of the Parks Master Plan should look like and having a three part strategy: 1. Plans for the next year, 2. Plans for the next couple years, 3. Plans for beyond two or three years and that the mapping is possibly going to be the hardest part of this process since many groups are looking at same pieces of land for their projects. We need to have our list of ideas presented several times through public forums and find out what the people in the community really care about. It was decided to have four meetings on two days for these public forums set for Thursday, May 6 and Tuesday, June 1 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. The Board should be sure to invite special interest groups to these meetings. Rachel Friedman will work with the Town Engineer Intern on conceptual drawings by the beginning of May. Steve Plumb suggested the plans don't need to be fancy but the conceptual plan should be ready for the meetings, possibly just having a "Bubble Map". There was also discussion regarding how Recreation integrates

with the Trails group; how ability levels and age groups may not be getting addressed, how trails are either right next to roadways or through easements, paths that don't meet or make connections. The Board discussed having basic ideas in place of how to define the public meetings and how these meetings will direct the future of the city efforts for recreation where's and what's.

ADJOURNMENT

Earl Richmond adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Earl Richmond, Chair



Erin Reavis, Secretary